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LETTER DATED 12 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that from 30 September to 9 October 1992 United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation.

30 September-1 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 33 sorties, at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 65 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 13,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah and Usbayjah.

1-2 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 80 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman and Busayyah.

2-3 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 51 sorties, flown by F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman and Busayyah.

3-4 October 1992

(a) Northern region: No aerial activity.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16, Mirage, TR-1 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 20,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah and Shatrah.

4-5 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Mosul, Irbil, Sinjar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Amarah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Basra and Artawi.

5-6 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,500 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16, TR-1 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Al-Khadr and Shatrah.

6-7 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown by F-1, F-16, TR-1 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Dukan, Amadiyah and Rawanduz. At 0943 hours on 7 October, two United States aircraft dropped 12 heat flares over Saddam Dam from low altitude.

(b) Southern region: 55 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Qurnah, Samawah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah and Artawi.

8-9 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 7,000 metres, centred over Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Rawanduz, Tall Afar and Amadiyah. At 1550 hours on 9 October, two United States aircraft dropped heat flares on the Bartalah area in Ninawa Governorate.

(b) Southern region: 121 sorties, flown by F-15, F-16, Mirage and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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